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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, CB
SUBJ: FATE OF PRINCE SIHANOUK

1. ARTICLES HAVE APPEARED IN VARIOUS BANGKOK NEWSPAPERS LAST WEEK REPORTING RUMORS ALLEGEDLY CIRCULATING IN HONG KONG AND PARIS THAT PRINCE SIHANOUK WAS KILLED WHILE TRYING TO ESCAPE FROM HOUSE ARREST IN TAKHMAU, NEAR PHNOM PENH. THEY ADDED THAT PRINCE'S RELATIVES ABROAD ARE EXPRESSING GROWING CONCERN OVER HIS SAFETY, SINCE THEIR LETTERS TO HIM ARE BEING RETUNED UNOPENED.

2. SO FAR AS WE ARE AWARE, REPORT IS SHEER SPECULATION. ONE BANGKOK-BASED NEWSPAPERMAN WHO HEARD THE NEWS IN ARANYAPRATHET RECENTLY CALLED SIHANOUK'S DAUGHTER, PRINCESS BOPHA DEVI, IN PARIS. SHE DENIED BEING THE SOURCE OF ANY SUCH STORY AND SAID THE FAMILY HAS SIMPLY RECEIVED NO NEWS OF HER FATHER FOR A LONG TIME.

3. WHETHER FACT THAT LETTERS TO SIHANOUK ARE RETURNED TO SENDER INDICATES ANYTHING IS QUESTIONALBE. WE UNDER-STAND THAT LETTERS ADDRESSED TO KHIEU SAMPHAN OR OTHER
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LEADERS THROUGH OPEN MAIL ARE SIMILARLY RETURNED.

4. FOLLOWING VISIT OF DEPUTY PRIMIN IENG SARY TO YUGOSLAVIA LAST OCTOBER, YUGOSLAV CHARGE IN PHONM PENH, NOVAK PROKOVIC, RECEIVED PERMISSION TO CALL ON SIHANOUK. HE DID SO AND REPORTED THAT SIHANOUK WAS WELL, AND IN PHNOM PENH, ACCORD-ING TO YUGOSLAV EMBOFF IN BANGKOK. YUGOSLAVS HAVE HAD NO

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SIMILAR ACCESS TO, OR NEWS ABOUT, SIHNOUK SINCE THAT TIME.
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